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N-ACYL SUBSTITUTED CYCLIC UREAS

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This invention relates to the preparation of novel cyclic ureas, and more particularly to N-acyl substituted cyclic ureas. These compounds are particularly useful either directly or as an intermediate to prepare a compound that can be copolymerized and used as a polymer crosslinker, more specifically functioning as a blocked isocyanate.

The formulation of one-component polyurethane forming systems which use "blocked" isocyanates are well known in the coating art. Upon heating the one-component system containing blocked isocyanates, free isocyanates are generated to react with the polyol to form the polyurethane. The need for storage in separate containers is eliminated since the system remains stable until heated.

However, the blocked isocyanates suffer from the disadvantage of volatile or fugitive blocking groups. These groups, often compounds such as phenol, alcohols and the like are volatile at the curing temperature, and need to flash off, creating emission problems. If the volatiles are entrained in the coating, they cause loss of strength. Bis-acyl cyclic ureas have been used as blocked isocyanates, and do not have the problem of volatile leaving groups, since the blocking group is part of the same molecule. These, however, do have a disadvantage of being difficult to

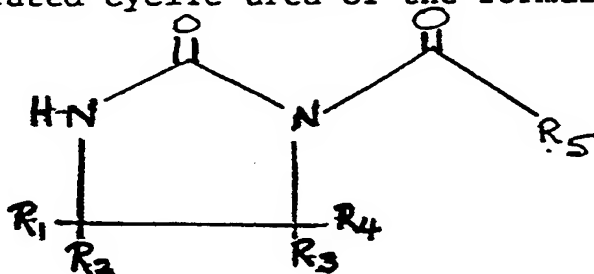
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disperse into the polyol, requiring such equipment as a ball mill. This mixing requirement may lead to non-homogeneous polymers.

We have now found a novel class of N-acyl substituted cyclic ureas which are particularly useful as blocked isocyanates in stable one-component polyurethane systems.

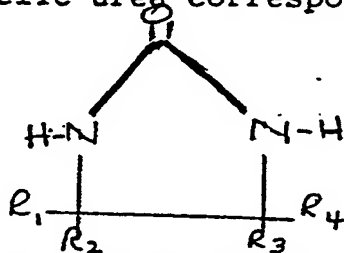
The prior art discloses a wide variety of substituted cyclic ureas which are useful for various purposes. U.S. Patents 4,138,398; 4,217,436 and 4,410,689 disclose bis cyclic ureas which are useful as masked isocyanates and U.S. Patent 4,111,877 discloses a N-cyclic ureido alkylamino derivative which is useful in imparting wet adhesion properties to water based paints. Other prior art disclosures of substituted cyclic ureas include U.S. Patents 2,613,212; 2,881,155; 4,104,220 and 4,151,142.

Briefly, this invention comprises a N-acyl substituted cyclic urea of the formula:



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  may be the same or different and each may be H, OH, COOH, R, OR or COOR, wherein R is an alkyl or substituted alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and wherein  $R_5$  has 2 to 40 carbon atoms and is either an olefin, a carboxylic acid, an ester, a combination thereof, or a halogenated alkyl.

The starting material for the preparation of the N-acyl substituted cyclic ureas of the above formula is a cyclic urea corresponding to the formula:

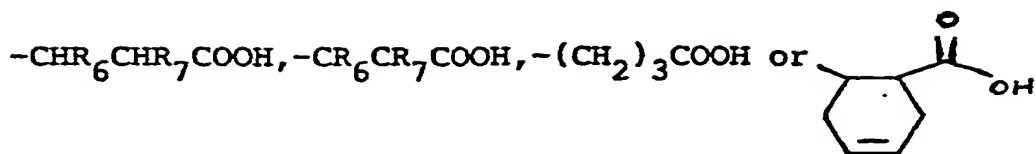


10 wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  may be the same or different and each may be H, OH, COOH, R, OR or COOR, wherein R is an alkyl or substituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

15 Typical examples of cyclic ureas include 4,5-dihydroxy-2-imidazolidinone, 4,5-dimethoxy-2-imidazolidinone, 4-methyl ethylene urea, 4-ethyl ethylene urea, 4-hydroxyethyl ethylene urea, 4,5-dimethyl ethylene urea and the like. The preferred cyclic urea is ethylene urea, i.e. wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are H, because of its ease of reactivity with  
20 anhydrides or acid chlorides, and lack of side reactions leading to by-products. The cyclic urea is reacted with various substituents to provide the N-acyl substituted cyclic urea wherein  $R_5$  is either an olefin, a carboxylic acid, an ester or a halogenated alkyl  
25 substituent.

In one embodiment, the cyclic urea is reacted with a cyclic anhydride which provides an N-acyl substituted cyclic urea with a carboxylic acid substituent. Typical cyclic anhydrides include maleic  
30 anhydride, succinic anhydride, dihydrophthalic anhydride, glutaric anhydride and alkenyl succinic anhydrides which provide an  $R_5$  substituent which is a carboxylic acid, preferably wherein  $R_5$  is

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5 wherein  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  may be the same or different and is  
 an H, or up to  $\text{C}_{40}$  alkenyl. In a preferred embodiment  
 ethylene urea is reacted with maleic anhydride in a  
 polar aprotic solvent such as acetonitrile,  
 dimethylsulfoxide or dimethyl formamide, to make cis-2-  
 10 butenoic-4-oxo-4 (1-imidazolidin-2-one) acid. In  
 another preferred embodiment ethylene urea is reacted  
 with succinic anhydride in dimethyl formamide to form  
 4-oxo-4-(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-1-butanoic acid.

An ester of the carboxylic acid may be  
 15 prepared either by reaction with an alcohol or by  
 reaction with a halogenated allyl to add olefin  
 functionality. An ester of 4-oxo-4-(1-imidazolidin-2-  
 one)-1 butanoic acid is prepared by reaction with  
 aqueous potassium hydroxide, then allyl chloride in  
 20 dimethyl formamide to make  
 4-oxo-4-(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-2-butanoic acid, allyl  
 ester.

Conventional esterification calls for  
 refluxing the acid in an excess of alcohol with an  
 25 acidic catalyst. This was found to lead to cleavage of  
 the imidazolidinone ring and further product  
 decomposition. An alternate process was found which,  
 in general, calls for slurrying the acid in an excess  
 of alcohol, cooling the reaction mixture, and treating  
 30 with an equivalent of thionyl chloride. The reaction  
 mixture is slowly allowed to warm up whereupon  $\text{HCl}$  and  
 $\text{SO}_2$  are evolved. These gases may be removed by purging  
 with  $\text{N}_2$  or dry air. The product may then be isolated  
 by filtration, or whatever method is suitable for its

physical state. This procedure can be used with any primary alcohol such as methanol, ethanol, propanol, n-butanol, allyl alcohol, isobutyl alcohol, 1,1-dihydroperfluoro alkyl alcohols, ethylene glycol monoalkyl ethers, diethylene glycol monoalkyl ethers, ethoxylated phenol derivatives and the like to provide an  $R_5$  substituent which is a methyl ester, ethyl ester, propyl ester, butyl ester, allyl ester, fluorocarbon ester, alkoxyalkyl ester (e.g. methoxyethyl or ethoxyethyl ester), hydroxy alkyl ester, alkyl phenoxy (polyethoxy) alkyl ester or methallyl ester, of the carboxylic acid. These esters may be used to improve solubility in non-aqueous systems.

The olefin functionality allows for copolymerizing with monomers such as vinyl acetate and ethyl acrylate while the acyl cyclic urea functions as a blocked isocyanate which reacts with groups such as hydroxyl or amide under curing conditions. It is believed that the N-acyl substituted cyclic ureas act as crosslinkers by thermally dissociating during curing to an isocyanate and an amide, which then further reacts to cross-link the polymers. The N-acyl substituted cyclic ureas with olefin functionality could also be incorporated into vinyl or acrylic polymers to promote adhesion.

In another embodiment the  $R_5$  substituent of the N-acyl substituted cyclic urea is substituted with a halogenated alkyl or an olefin which is obtained by reacting the cyclic urea with an unsaturated acid, such as acrylic acid, methacrylic acid or crotonic acid and thionyl chloride. This forms an acid chloride which acylates the cyclic ureas, and adds HCl across the olefin to provide an  $R_5$  which is a halogenated alkyl substituent wherein the halogen can be chloride,



bromide or iodide, as in N-(1-oxo-3-chloro)propyl-2-imidazolidone. This reaction may be catalyzed by dimethyl formamide as with a Vilsmeier reagent. This N-acyl substituted cyclic urea may then be further  
5 reacted with, for example, triethyl amine, to remove the halogen and provide an R<sub>5</sub> substituent which is an olefin such as -CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, -CH=CHCH<sub>3</sub> and -C=CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>) as with N-acryloyl ethylene urea.

10 Example 1

Eighty-six grams (86g) of ethylene urea (1 mole) was charged to a 1 liter 3-necked flask fitted with mechanical stirrer, condenser and thermometer. To this was added 250ml of acetonitrile. This was heated  
15 to 50-60°C and stirred to form a white slurry. Maleic anhydride (98g, 1 mole) was dissolved in 100ml of warm acetonitrile and slowly added to the reaction. After 2-3 hours, the reaction was a clear amber. Upon cooling, most of the product precipitated and was  
20 filtered (approximately 60% of the theoretical yield). The acetonitrile solution was concentrated to recover the remainder of the product, 4(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-4-oxo-cis-2-butenic acid. The product was recrystallized from isopropanol with a melting point of  
25 150-152°C. The IR spectrum showed N-H at 3300cm<sup>-1</sup>, c=O at 1705, c=O at 1670cm<sup>-1</sup> and c=c at 1640cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Alternatively, the ethylene urea and maleic anhydride were charged to the flask together, the solvent added, then heated at 50-60°C for 2-4 hours.  
30 The reaction was monitored by examining the reactions IR spectrum and observing the decrease of the anhydride peaks at 1850cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1782cm<sup>-1</sup>. The general reaction temperature ranged from room temperature to 80-100°C, but 50-60°C was preferred to minimize color generation.

Example 2

To a 1 liter 3-necked flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, thermometer and condenser was charged 114g (1.3 moles) ethylene urea, 120g dimethyl  
5 formamide and 120g (1.2 moles) succinic anhydride. This was heated at 90°C for 30 hours, at which time IR showed no anhydride peak. The product formed at this stage was 4-oxo-4-(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-1-butanoic acid. The reaction may also be catalyzed by tertiary  
10 amines such as 1,4-diazabicyclooctane and dimethylaminopyridine. The product was characterized by IR (KBr) 3260, 1740, 1710, 1685, 1380, 1255cm<sup>-1</sup>; HNMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  9.8 (br, 1),  $\delta$  7.35 (br, s, 1),  $\delta$  3.85-3.1 (AA'BB' mult. (ring), 4),  $\delta$  3.2-2.3  
15 (AA'BB' mult., 4) and a m.p. of 130-134°C.

Example 3

The reaction of Example 2 was cooled to 40°C and 150g (1.2 moles) of 45% aqueous potassium hydroxide  
20 was slowly added by drip funnel. The resulting slurry was cooled to room temperature and allowed to stir one hour. The slurry was filtered, washed with isopropanol and allowed to air dry. The salt cake was returned to the same flask and slurried with 400g of dimethyl  
25 formamide. The flask was set up for vacuum distillation with a water aspirator to remove moisture, and stripped up to 85°C. About 100ml of distillate was collected. The reaction was cooled to 40°C and 140g (1.8 moles) of allyl chloride was slowly added along  
30 with 0.05g potassium iodide as catalyst. The reaction was refluxed for 24 hours with the final reflux temperature being 86°C. At this time the IR showed no carboxylate peaks. The reaction was a clear tan

solution with a potassium chloride precipitant. This was vacuum stripped to remove solvent and filtered to remove salt. The liquid was taken up in methylene chloride and washed with brine, saturated sodium bicarbonate and again with brine. Solvent was removed to afford a yellow oil which crystallized. The crystals were filtered and washed with water to give 150g (55% yield) of a white granular product which was 4-oxo-4-(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-1-butanoic acid, allyl ester with an IR (KBr) of 3260, 1740, 1730, 1680, 1395, 1160 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HNMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.30 (br, s, 1),  $\delta$  6.1-5.5 (mult., 1),  $\delta$  5.35 (mult., 1),  $\delta$  5.05 (mult., 1),  $\delta$  4.45 (d, J=5Hz, 2),  $\delta$  4.10-3.6 (AA'BB' mult. (ring), 4),  $\delta$  3.40-2.50 (AA'BB' mult., 4) and a m.p. OF 69-71°C.

#### Example 4

To a 100ml flask equipped with a stir bar, condenser and thermometer was charged 9.5g (0.11 moles) of ethylene urea, 10g (0.10 moles) of succinic anhydride and 10g dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO). This was heated at 75-80°C for 20 hours until the anhydride peak was not observable by IR. The reaction was cooled to 40-45°C and 11.8 (1.05 equivalents) of potassium t-butoxide was slowly added, causing the reaction to thicken. This was stirred for 4 hours at 65 °C. To this was added 0.01g of potassium iodide for catalytic purposes, and 8.4 g (0.11 moles) allyl chloride slowly by drip funnel. The reaction was heated to 75-85°C for 4 hours when the IR showed no carboxylate peak. This was filtered, taken up in methylene chloride, washed with brine and concentrated to give an oil which crystallized similar to that in Example 3. The product obtained in moderate yield was identical to the product of Example 3.

Example 5

To a dry 100ml round bottomed flask fitted with a stir bar, thermometer, Claisen tube, addition funnel and nitrogen inlet was added 18.4g (0.1 moles) of the reaction product of ethylene urea and maleic anhydride (4(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-4-oxo-cis-2-butenoic acid) and 30g methanol. This was stirred rapidly, giving a white slurry, and cooled in an ice bath at 0°C, and maintained under a nitrogen blanket. To the addition funnel was charged 13.1g (0.11 moles) of thionyl chloride. This was slowly added dropwise, so that the reaction temperature remained below 5°C. After the addition was complete, the reaction remained in the ice bath for 30 minutes and was then allowed to warm to room temperature. As the reaction warmed, it became thicker, finally solidifying after about 1 hour. The methyl ester product was filtered, washed with cold methanol and allowed to air dry, yielding 20.6g white solid which was 4(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-4-oxo-cis-butenoic acid methyl ester having a melting point of 90-92°C, IR (KBr): 3240  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (NH), 1750  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=O), 1720  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1670  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=O), 1644  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=C); HNMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  8.15 (1H, d, J=15Hz),  $\delta$  7.8 (1H, brs),  $\delta$  6.55 (1H, d, J=15Hz),  $\delta$  3.7 (3H, s),  $\delta$  3.55 (4H, AA'BB' mult.).

Example 6

To a dry 250ml 3-necked flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, condenser, N<sub>2</sub> balloon and thermometer was added 19.5g maleic anhydride (0.2 moles) and 55g methylene chloride. This was stirred and heated gently to absorb the endotherm and help the anhydride to dissolve. To this was added 17.2g (0.2

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moles) ethylene urea, and heated to reflux until the IR showed no anhydride peaks (approximately 16 hours). To the white suspension in methylene chloride was added 50g methanol. This slurry was cooled with stirring in an ice bath to 0°C. An addition funnel was attached to the flask and charged with 26.2g (0.22 moles) of thionyl chloride. This was added slowly so that the temperature remained below 5°C. The reaction was stirred for 1 hour in the ice bath after addition was complete and was then allowed to warm to room temperature. A nitrogen sparge was started and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The product was filtered and washed with cold methanol. After drying on the filter, 34.3g of white crystalline solid was recovered (87% yield). This was the same methyl ester obtained in Example 5.

Example 7

The same procedure was followed as in Example 5, except that the alcohol was varied from methanol to ethanol, propanol and butanol. The following results were obtained:

ethyl ester: mp of 120°C; IR (KBr):  
 3275cm<sup>-1</sup> 1770cm<sup>-1</sup> (c=o), 1719cm<sup>-1</sup> (c=o),  
 1663cm<sup>-1</sup> (c=o), 1635cm<sup>-1</sup> (c=c): HNMR  
 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.20 (1H, d, J =  
 15H<sub>z</sub>), δ 6.80 (1H, d, J = 15H<sub>z</sub>), δ 6.40  
 (1H, br), δ 4.20 (2H, q, J =  
 7H<sub>z</sub>), δ 3.70 (4H, AA'BB' mult.) δ 1.30  
 (3H, t, J = 7H<sub>z</sub>)

propyl ester: mp of 85-88°C; IR (KBr):  
 3270cm<sup>-1</sup> (NH), 1740cm<sup>-1</sup> (c=o), 1718cm<sup>-1</sup>  
 (c=o), 1668cm<sup>-1</sup> (c=o), 1638cm<sup>-1</sup> (c=c).  
 HNMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.20 (1H, d, J =

15H<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  6.79 (1H, d, J = 15H<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  6.45  
 (1H, br),  $\delta$  4.10 (2H, t, J =  
 7H<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  3.70 (4H, AA'BB' mult.),  $\delta$  16.9  
 (2H, sextet, J = 7H<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$  0.95 (3H, t, J =  
 7H<sub>2</sub>).

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Example 8

To a dry 100ml 3-necked flask equipped with  
 a magnetic stirring bar, reflux condenser and addition  
 10 funnel; was charged 8.6g (0.10 mole) ethylene urea,  
 8.9g (0.11 mole) glacial acrylic acid and 50ml  
 methylene chloride. This was stirred to give a  
 translucent suspension. To the addition funnel was  
 charged 12g (0.11 mole) thionyl chloride. After  
 15 stirring 30 minutes at room temperature, the thionyl  
 chloride was added dropwise over a 45 minute period.  
 As the additions approached the half way point, a white  
 precipitate was observed in the flask. There was an  
 exotherm and light reflux with a vapor temperature of  
 20 39°C was observed. The odor of SO<sup>2</sup> was also detected,  
 and the evolving vapor caused litmus paper to turn red.  
 The reaction was stirred without heating for 1 hour  
 after the addition was completed, then gently heated to  
 reflux. After refluxing about 12 hours, the solution  
 25 had become yellow and almost clear. The reaction was  
 filtered, and solvent evaporated to give a waxy pale  
 yellow solid. This washed with methanol to give a  
 white waxy solid which was N-1-oxo-3-chloropropyl  
 ethylene urea, 52% yield, mp 111-112°C, IR (KBr)  
 30 3260cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1733cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1676cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1390cm<sup>-1</sup>, 1265cm<sup>-1</sup>,  
 1060cm<sup>-1</sup>, 755cm<sup>-1</sup>, 655cm<sup>-1</sup>.

This product was dissolved in 50ml of dry  
 methylene chloride and mixed with 1.1 equivalents of  
 triethyl amine. The reaction was stirred overnight

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forming a white precipitate of triethylammonium hydrochloride. The reaction was filtered and concentrated to form a white solid, N-acryloyl ethylene urea, 80% yield. IR (KBr): 3260 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1735 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ,  
5 1645 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1612 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1260 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 1070 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , 960 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

#### Example 9

To demonstrate blocked isocyanate reactivity a 0.5g portion of N-acryloyl ethylene urea was mulled  
10 with 5 drops of glycerin to give a white paste. A thin film IR spectrum showed broad OH (glycerin) carbonyl (1725, 1670 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and strong C-O (1105, 1040 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , glycerin). A small portion was placed in an aluminum sample pan for a differential scanning calorimeter  
15 (Perkin-Elmer DSC-1B). The sample was scanned at a rate of 10°C per minute from 300°K (27°C) to 450°K (177°C). An exothermic peak was noted beginning at 388°K (115°C) and ending at 414°K (141°C). Upon cooling, a clear, tacky syrup was obtained. The IR  
20 spectrum of this product was different from the original mull. The -OH and C-O peaks from the glycerin were much weaker. The carbonyls shifted from 1725 to 1730 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 1670 to 1680 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and were relatively more intense, and a very prominent urethane ester c-o-  
25 appeared at 1270 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  that was absent in the original spectrum. These results, particularly the formation of the urethane ester peak at 1270 $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are interpreted to mean that between 115°C and 141°C, the cyclic urea cleaves to an isocyanato ethylene amide which then  
30 reacts with the glycerin. Similar reactivity would be expected if the monomer were copolymerized through its double bond.

This monomer is expected to find uses into broad categories. First, it could be used to introduce

a blocked isocyanate into a polymer. The polymer could be aqueous solution, solvent solution or emulsion, which is generally radical catalyzed.

Second, it could be used to incorporate a  
5 terminal activated olefin into a molecule by inducing ring cleavage in the presence of active hydrogen sources (OH, -NH, -SH). Such compounds are used in UV, electron beam and radiation cure coatings. The activated olefin can also be incorporated by reaction  
10 of the ring N-H and an aldehyde (e.g. formaldehyde) with a suitable substrate, leaving the ring intact.

#### Example 10

To a dry 250ml 3-necked flask equipped with  
15 a mechanical stirrer, addition funnel, thermometer and condenser was charged ethylene urea (17.2g, 0.2 moles), acrylic acid (16g, 0.22 moles) and 100g of methylene chloride. This was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes giving a hazy gray suspension. To the addition  
20 funnel was charged thionyl chloride (25g, 0.21 moles). The thionyl chloride was added drop-wise over a forty minute period with the temperature rising to 35°C. Midway through the addition a white precipitate formed. The reaction was refluxed for 12 hours and filtered.  
25 The reaction was washed with brine and concentrated to a pale yellow wax which was N-(1-oxo-3-chloro)propyl-2-imidazolidone (synonym:  $\beta$ -chloropropionyl ethylene urea) (31g, 88% yield) IR (KBr): 3260, 1730, 1676, 1380, 1265cm<sup>-1</sup>.

30 In this Example thionyl chloride and acrylic acid are used to make acryloyl chloride in situ. Acryloyl chloride could be used directly in place of the acrylic acid and thionyl chloride. If, instead of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid is used, the  
35 corresponding methacryloyl derivatives are obtained.



Example 11

To a dry 100ml 3-necked flask equipped with a stir bar, condenser and addition funnel was added 60g methylene chloride and 17.6g (0.1 moles of N-(1-oxo-3-chloro)propyl-2-imidazolidone (the product of Example 10). This was stirred to form a cloudy suspension. Triethyl amine (13g, 0.13 moles) was slowly added by addition funnel. The resulting clear amber solution was refluxed about 4 hours until IR showed the reaction to be complete. During the reflux a white precipitant (triethylamine hydrochloride) formed. The reaction was filtered and washed with brine and saturated sodium bicarbonate. The pale yellow solution was then concentrated to yield 11g (78%) white wax which was N-(1-oxo-2-propene)-2-imidazolidone (synonym: acryloyl ethylene urea) with an IR (KBr): 3260, 1738, 1648, 1620, 1425, 1350, 1265 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{HMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  7.65 (br, s, 1),  $\delta$  7.48 (dd,  $J_{\text{Bx}} = 11\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{Ax}} = 17\text{Hz}$ , 1),  $\delta$  6.15 (dd,  $J_{\text{Ax}} = 17\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{AB}} = 3\text{Hz}$ , 1),  $\delta$  5.70 (dd,  $J_{\text{AB}} = 3\text{Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{BX}} = 11\text{Hz}$ , 1),  $\delta$  3.95-3.15 (AA'BB' mult., 4).

Example 12

A solution polymer was prepared by placing into a dry flask ethyl acetate (176.5g), ethyl acrylate (100g), hydroxy ethyl acrylate (2.9g), 4-(1-imidzolidin-2-one)-4-oxo-cis-2-butenic acid, ethyl ester (85g) and dodecyl mercaptan (7.5g). This was agitated with a nitrogen sparge for 30 minutes and heated to 37°C whereupon 1.375g of azobisisobuteronitrile catalyst (Vazo<sup>(R)</sup> 64 by DuPont) was added. A solution containing 75g of ethyl acetate and 55.1g of hydroxyethyl acrylate was added by drip funnel over 30 minutes. After the addition was

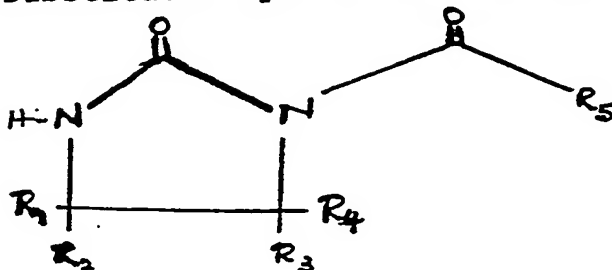
complete, the reaction was heated to 50-55°C for 2 hours. Solvent was then stripped to afford a thick, pale yellow syrup.

When dried for 30 minutes at 105°C, the  
5 product formed a tacky syrup that redissolved in ethyl acetate. When mixed with a catalyst such as p-toluene sulfonic acid or dibutyl tin dilaurate, the product dried under similar conditions formed a clear, amber, rubbery film which adhered tenaciously to the aluminum  
10 pan which contained it. These rubbery catalyzed films did not redissolve in ethyl acetate. This demonstrates the crosslinking system. Such technology would be useful in areas such as coating, enamels, adhesives or paints.

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CLAIMS

1. A N-Acyl substituted cyclic urea of the formulas



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> may be the same or different and each may be H, OH, COOH, R, OR or COOR, wherein R is an alkyl or substituted alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and wherein R<sub>5</sub> has 2 to 40 carbon atoms and is an olefin, alkenyl group, an alkyl or alkenyl carboxylic acid or ester, or a halogenated alkyl, any alkyl, alkylene, alkenyl or alkenylene group preferably having not more than 8 carbon atoms.

2. Cyclic urea according to claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are H.

3. Cyclic urea according to claim 1 or claim 2 in which R<sub>5</sub> is alkenyl or an alkenyl carboxylic ester.

4. Cyclic urea according to claim 3 wherein alkenyl is chosen from -CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, -CH=CHCH<sub>3</sub> and -C=CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>).

5. Cyclic urea according to any preceding claim in which R<sub>5</sub> comprises an alkylene or alkenylene chain, preferably of 2 or 3 carbon atoms, terminated by a carboxylic acid or ester group and optionally substituted in the chain by alkyl, alkenyl or cycloalkyl.

6. Cyclic urea according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein R<sub>5</sub> is a methyl ester, ethyl ester, butyl ester, propyl ester, allyl ester, fluorocarbon ester, alkoxyalkyl ester, hydroxy alkyl ester, alkyl phenoxy (polyethoxy) alkyl ester or methallyl ester.

7. Cyclic urea according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein R<sub>5</sub> is the halogenated alkyl wherein the halogen is chosen from the group consisting of Cl, Br and I.

8. Cis-2-butenic-4-oxo-4(1-imidazolidin-2-one) acid.
9. 4-oxo-4-(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-1-butanic acid.
10. 4-oxo-4-(1-imidazolidin-2-one)-1-butanic acid allyl ester.
- 5 11. N-acryloyl ethylene urea.
12. N-(1-oxo-3-chloro)propyl-2-imidazolidone.

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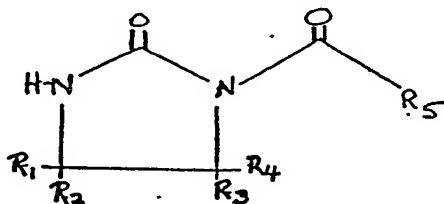
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(64) N-acyl substituted cyclic ureas.

(67) N-acyl substituted cyclic ureas of the formula:



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  may be the same or different and each may be H, OH, COOH, R, OR or COOR, wherein R is an alkyl or substituted alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and wherein  $R_5$  has 2 to 40 carbon atoms and is either an olefin, a carboxylic acid, an ester, a combination thereof, or a halogenated alkyl, are useful as blocked isocyanates in one-component polyurethane systems.



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